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Dear Mr. Hall:

The Secretary has asked me to reply to your letter of July 3 concerning disappearances in Argentina, and in particular the cases of Jorge Sznaider, Martin Vasquez and Mauricio Weinstein.

Ambassador Castro, as well as officers from our Embassy in Buenos Aires and the Department of State, have made the widespread concern over disappearances known to the Government of Argentina. You can be assured that our concern for the observance of human rights in Argentina has not diminished, and normal relations will not be achieved while human rights remains a problem.

The Department has no information regarding the first two persons mentioned in your letter. I have informed our Embassy in Buenos Aires of your interest in their whereabouts, and have asked them for any available information.

The Embassy in Buenos Aires has inquired about Mauricio Weinstein at the Argentine Foreign Ministry's Working Group on Human Rights. I regret to inform you that on September 5, 1978, the Foreign Ministry replied that the Government of Argentina has no record of the detention of Mr. Weinstein, nor any information concerning his whereabouts.

I hope you find the above information useful.

Sincerely,

GW

J. Brian Atwood
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

Enclosure:

Correspondence returned.

cc: American Embassy,
Buenos Aires

The Honorable
Tony P. Hall,
House of Representatives

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